

**DIGITVS DEI.**

**OR**

**GOOD NEWES FROM HOLLAND.**

**Sent to the wor.<sup>ll</sup>**

**IOHN TREFFRY.**

**AND**

**IOHN TREFVSIS.**

**ESQVIRE:**

**As also to all that haue shot arrows agaynst Babels  
Brats, and with well to Sion where euer.**



**NON NOBIS DOMINE**

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Ince my condition & lot fell in these parts of the world which for a long time haue beene Sedes belli: I haue not bin altogether negligent in taking up such observations, as might either draw mee to a more serious consideration of Gods providence, dispensing it selfe into many particulars, some more secret, & some open to euery eye: or such as might by their presentment unto mee of the worlds vanity & turnings, make mee see the glasse brittlenesse & shiftnesse of the creature, & so perswade to a stronger dependance vpon the creator, a Being that hath happinesse in it selfe. Nor hath it bin the least of my care to cast an especiall eye vpon the seuerall victories, & vnpareld deliuerances (if wee take up all circumstances) which this state hath bin honored with. In the compasse of three yeares or there about, I haue seene strange turnings & returnings of providence, ebbs of State that left vs (at least the wise-hearted) hopelesse of a flood: and then agayne high waters, that haue left many thoughtlesse yea carelesse, of an ebb: heere haue I seene an enemy sighted at a great distance, & too much feared neerer hand, many mountainous designs which haue prooued molehills in execution, heere haue wee seene men looking one way & the Lord bringing the thing about another, sometimes God restraining for his glory where men would not giue it him other wayes: In a word heere hath bin imploiments for all kinds of spirits, all kinds of men, heere the sad heart hath had matter to feed those black vapors that cherish melancholy, & heere the freer spirit might haue a time to lauish it selfe out in warrantable ioyes & refreshments, heere the magistrate hath had worke enough to aduise, & the people to bring in their assistances, the souldier hath had enough how to deuise & how to execute to his greater advantage, and those that waite vpon the tabernacle haue had no reason to bee idle, where dayes of attournment, as well as the dayly sacrifice were to bee attended on: sometime wee haue bin slipping with David beside our selues and our comforts, while wee fretted at the foolish, and saw the prosperity of the wicked, sometimes with the same good-man wee were as those that dreamed, to see the downe-fall of the vngodly, & what chaff they were before the wind. Truly (S<sup>r</sup>) wee haue seene much of Gods faythfulnesse & sufficiency, & wee ar to bee blamed if wee haue not also seene our owne inability & nothingnesse.

Bnt whiles I haue let my meditations travel from one place to another they haue lodged longer in these two, viz: first in the consideration of our selues 2<sup>d</sup> of the enemy: in the former whereof wee may take up matter of wonder, that the Lord continues vs instruments of his glory, & the subiect of his good-



nesse & bounty, who may iustly take shame to our selues that wee are no more sanctified in our drawing neare vnto him, or doe sanctifie him soe little: alas (S<sup>rs</sup>) strangers that looke vpon us may thinke that wee are his onely iewel, since wee are kept so safely: but the truth is our beauty is but blacknesse, our deformities are the speech of neighbor nations, & by the openesse of our folly wee make the daughters of the Philistims reioyce. Nor haue wee lesse worke in the contemplation of the enemy, being the center to which subtilty, cruelty, dilligence in euill, with many other the like, as so many lines haue their conflux. What great cost haue they byn at in the not yet subduing a handfull of people, nay (which is admirable) that which hath bin the common breake-back to other itates & countryes, hath bin the supplying of their treasures heere, & filling of their Magazines, I meane their Army. They haue had heere many plowers plowing vpon their back, & yet there remains noe signe of a furrow, I wish wee saw noe steps of their sin, I will not heere discusse in what coyn the Lord hath bin paid for his kindnesse, nor what proceede they haue returned of their talents concredited to them. I haue inioyed this common ayre with them, and haue had my share in their particular merities, I cannot bee silent. What a hand wee saw out of heauen by the surprize of Wesel, and the Bosch following that, as if the former merite had not bin enough for the? Heere I will not treat, I haue formerly advertisd about them: what merite the Lord hath sent them from the sea, & what siluer trophees from the enemy hath bin brought, is not now my purpose to speake: But since the Lord by an especiall hand led me to looke vpon the beginning & end of this late deliuerance, I shall aduertise therein according to truth, in which I may not seeme (it may bee) soe particular as some may expect, because I dare not call Opinion, Fayth: nor so exact in tearmes, because a stranger to the Language, though a freind to Souldiery: but this I shall doe, I will labor to shew truth in her nakednesse, or at least in her owne apparell; and the order I shall propose will bee this; First I shall present the bare history, 2<sup>d</sup> some obseruations from it, 3<sup>d</sup> I shall add some vses wee may make of it: and first for the history.

Whilst the Illustrious Prince of Orange after a triple victory, viz: Groll, Wesel, and the Bosch, had fate downe the last summer to refresh himselfe euē la den with honor; Sanballat and Tobiah, I meane they of Spayne and Flaunders rose early, & went to bed late, eating the bread of carefulnesse, in cōplotting the raising their honor out of the dust, where Hee had buried it, as an instrument in Gods hand the yeares before: and surely if strenght had answered their reuengefull spirits, the mischeife had had wings, before wee should haue knowne it was hatchd; For heerein they far outstrip their enemies, that their waters run deeply and silently. Now that you may vnderstand what they



they had in their eye, that should exhaust so much of their treasure this yeare, and perswade with their cleargie like the neighboring channels soe freely to emptie themselves into the common sea; I shall acquaint you with Marques Spinolaes last will and testament left in the hands of the Infanta at his departure out of these wars. Two things hee aduised out of his long experience & best observations, that might infest the States, whereof the first was, that the current of their commerce with forreine parts might be stoppd, or at least lessened, & therefore would that from Dunkerke, Osten, & other parts ships should bee set forth for the intercepting them in the narrow seas, which counsaile the world obserues hath bin taken, & that with noe ordinary successe: that to this day Dunkerke a meane Dunghill haven, dare write her selfe a M<sup>r</sup>. The 2<sup>d</sup> was this, that they should not spend themselves thus yeare after yeare, in the beseiging, beleaguring, & taking in of any one towne, which did spend them much treasure, & could not much disadvantage the enemy: but that they should (though with double cost) attempt the diuiding of the Provinces, especially Holland & Zeeland, which hee demonstrated to bee feable. And for the better understanding the way, may it please you to take notice that about two or three houres sailing from Dort, there lies a village calld the Plate, with a conuenient haven able to receiue many smal vessels: this village with the whole Iland upon which it stands is altogether vnfortified, & soe are all places about it: this haven looks right against Princeland a place of the same strenght with the Plate, betwixt these two passe all our ships to Zeland, Bergen, Ter Goose, Tertoll, Zeerikzee: etc.

This yeare about the time of this attempt their army entred Princeland, nothing remained but that they might make themselves M<sup>r</sup> of the Plate, & soe once cut of the passage to Zeland, & the parts aboue said, & soone put Dort & Rotterdam the Hart of the land in feare, from whence likewise they might haue an easie way to Dunkerke, & they recourse to them agayne. This with the consequences being vnderstood I shall labor to show yow what faythfull ouerseers the Marquesse had to his wil, and how tender they are on the other side to follow the mind of the dead. After the Prince of Orange had retreated out of Maunders, & (whether through the foreslowing of time, or too many loope holes made in their counsaile or unfaithfulnesse in men be-trusted, or correspondence by any false heart with the enemy) he had lost his designe, & inquartered himselfe at Drunen, neare Huysden, little other tidings came to vs, but the constant and extraordinary prouisions of the enemy by land & water, especially concerning certaine sloopes, & flat bottomed boates, & an engeneering Preist, who should haue spent much oyle & candle in the advancing of a strange designe. The tidings whereof comming thicker, & the child being neere the birth the towne of Bergen petition the Prince,

ayle, who with that part of his army that lay at Drunen, being about 12 or 14000. foot beside horse, set forward for Bergen the 25. of August, and within 3. or 4. dayes was in quartered on the North-side of the towne, Sargeant Maior Cary being sent before with diuers companies for a safeguard to those parts by which these shalloopes might passe, as also 16. or 17. men of war, that vsually waite vpon the In-land waters.

Vpon the 11. of Septemr: being thursday at 4. or 5. of the clock at night wee heard shooting from Falconesse, and the Doel, and there-abous, and saw shipping, but did generally conceiue that the enemy had made an attempt to come forth and was beaten back by our men, when as it appeared otherwise the next day for the next morning being friday wee discerned vpon the wals of Bergen a flecte of 80. sayle or more comming towards the towne, and farther off some greater ships in an other flecte: It is strange to see & heare how hardly men were drawne to beleue that the enemy was so neare, nor was there much credit giuen to it till they were before the very towne of Bergen: where my-selte being a spectator amongst the rest, could tell aboue 80. sayle, who as it seemes came the day before from Antwerpe, & soe past by our shipping (as wee saw over night) & onely changd a few shot without farther Danger, Sargeant Maior Cary carefully attending vpon the chardge committed to him, they bent their course toward Tertoll land, & about 8. or 9. in morning 22. saile of their Reregard comming on ground, the rest stayed for them betwixt Rommers-wali & Tertoll, till the returning of the next tide, which was at 3. in the afternoone: and thus they lay this whole day in the fight not onely, of Berghen, but of the Princes whole army: mee thought this time was allotted us from heaven, as if a voice had cried and bid vs yet try what prayer will doe: and if I should bee playner with you, & open you a window into my owne heart, mee thought this stopp was the time wherein Iustice & Mercy compeered before the great God of heaven & earth (as indeed it was a time for our saddest thoughts) Take Vengeance cries Iustice Oh spare sayes Mercy: Kill cries the one, Saue the other: There are no sins like theirs, cries Iustice: No God like theirs sayes Mercy: Giue successe to this designe cries the One, Lord they are Thy enemies sayes the Other: Holland is proud & secure sayes Iustice, But they may amend by this diliuerance: They haue not improoued former kindneses, But they may bee tried by one more: Reuenge thy Sabbaths & let them haue noe rest that neglect this day of rest, heere Mercye paused, at lenth charging their teachers with this & ex-cusing the poore people that knew noe better. You shall see what followed, and which preuayled

The Prince perceiuing that it was now no time to aske, what shall we doe, but to bee doing, vnder command of Generall Morgan sent 3. Regements to Tertoll, to guard those parts from the incursion, & landing of the enemy, who went to their worke with no ordinary resolution, & came close by

those partes where the enemy lay, & onely gave them notice by some shot that they there attended them, with which troopes the Prince went in person: In the meane time Count Ernest advised for the cutting off the Reregard, that lay on ground, & to that purpose commanded such warlike shipping as lay at Bergen to be made ready, & 12 musketteres out of every companie of the army, to bee employed in the designe, which came to 1200. or there abouts, the commander in cheife of our nation, was the noble & valiant Earle of Oxford Lieutenant Collonel to my Lord Generall Vere, to whome were added Sergeant Maior Hollis. Captaine. Dudley, Captaine Skippon, S<sup>r</sup> Thomas Colpeper, Captaine Iackson, with some other officers: and this I must say, my hart wittnesseth I flatter not I never saw men hugg an enterprife so, the common souldier even beseeching their captaines with teares that they might bee preferred to it. nor were they without the company of diuers Noble volunteers amongst whom that Noble Gentle-man my Lord Crauen, (who hath much honored his nation abroad) must not be forgotten, who with the first presented him-felfe with his musket, ready to share in the common condition, whether good or bad. But as great bodyes moue slowly, so these. tfor they set not forth till the enemy floated, who with the coming of the tide were soone at worke, & as before hauing a small boate with them, sounding the way ouer the many sands they were to passe, made toward Zerickzea hauing gotten their whole fleete together; about 4. of the clock ours followd them, & had the Princes owne ship to leade them the way, about 4, came some of our fleet that lay by Falconesse, & followed them & made in all about 23. saile, they passed betweene Tertol & Tergoose, on the one side whereof a godly minister before General Morgan came had wi h much & earnest persuations drawne his neighbors into a reasonable order for their owne defence, on the other side not only 20, companies of the Princes awaited them, but also the Boores or country people were in great readinesse being generally men of very good abilities in point of souldierie;

But it seemes that was not the white they shot at, wherefore they past on beyoud Zerickzea, before our ships could come neere shot of them: about 9<sup>o</sup> of the clock at night the friday aforesaid, the Princes ship shot by a village calld Ould Kerke, & in short time brought her peeces to beare vppō them, in so much as wee haue it by credible testimony, that with one broade side shce kild 23. men, other ships of ours came vp with them like wise, & gaue & received such rough intertainment as passeth among men at such times: a ship of Zeland had by one shot from the enemy 4<sup>o</sup> men slayne, & 4. hurt: our musketteres came not up to doe much seruice, for these reasons, 1 in such a hurty of businesse, & uppon the water command could not so easily passe, & besides that command they had, was to seconde the ships that were prouided to fight at length, & moreover the worke continued not so long as to make vse of all our men: The Princes ship receiued shot: 2. in the sayles & 1. in the midf hip, & quitted herselfe well, some 5. or 6. more did the like: but it playnely appeared the enemy seemed not much to regarde fighting, rather longing & struing to bee M<sup>r</sup> of his designe, & therefore continually sterred off their course, till towards morning the whole night being exceeding fayre



for one houres space & noe more the Lord cast a mist vpon them, by which (they themselues confessing it) they were much distracted, lost their way, diuers of them came on ground, and the most of them at Muschle-creeke not far from Steenberg, the vangard being at this time, within one houres time, or two at the most, of the place they aimed at: diuers of them blame Fortune and their pilots, but in truth (as some of them acknowledged to myseife) the blow was from heauen. and to proceede, this confusion taught vs who was their Generall, viz: Count Iohn of Nassau, who would rather venture the Infantes displeasure, then pay soe deare for his entertainment heere againe, as hee had lately done at Wesell: Insomuch that hee with Prince Brabenson and some other cheifes left the fleete, and heere I must remember a complement was put vpon Count Iohn at his departure from Antwerp, and imbarquing, after many benedictions from the Infanta, and (questionlesse) much water sprinkled vpon him and his company, to præsereue him from the displeasure of S<sup>r</sup> Neptune etc. The Liuetenant Generall of the horse had a cringe with him to this purpose, S<sup>r</sup> (quoth hee) the designe you are ingaged in, is weightie, the cost hath bin great for the aduancing of it, and it will require a whole man, but I must tell you I conceiue not Count Iohn to bee That Man, and so they parted. And since wee haue spoken of Muschle-creeke, I must tell you of a passage that concernes the said Generall of theirs, where by I may put you in mind how fooles oracles may prooue wise-mens truths: not long before this attempt Count Iohn sending a Trumpet to our army, wished him if the Prince should aske what became of their shallopes, to answer that they meant shortly to come eate some Muscles: hee came to y<sup>e</sup> place indeed, but I suppose hee had not time to fill his belly, or if hee tasted them I thinke hee hath not yet digested them, that he cannot much reioyse at his banquet. Some other sloopes followed their Generall to Prince-land, and fired them at landing, so that betwene Willemstadt and Musclecreeke I saw diuers of the hulls of them lying by the shore; the rest quitted their boates with what speede they could, feare giuing them wings, and confusion and distraction taking away their wits: the reason they giue for making this great haste to the land is, because on these in-land waters they could expect noe quarter, and euery worme will reade us a lecture of the sweetenesse of life, 1400. seing a horse-man vpon a dike gaue themselues to him: a great conquest for one man! Divers in landing were drowned, many stript themselves to swim and so came naked to our army, most of their ships by the morning light were found in new Fosse-mere where they lay that day with our ships by them. Wee shall not neede to write what they returned the Preists for their benedictions, but certainly many Tuns of diuels, and especially to the Preist who had the cheife hand in the plot, and did boaste great

matter

of carrying shippes under water and promising to bring their souldiers into Berghen, which hee did truly performe: You must conceiue what a suddayne change heere was, when our men came to take possession of their vessels, & they scrambled away in the mud, which mynds me of a merry answere of the Prince to one that told him the Preist would bring their men vnder the water, hee sayd he then must send to Zeland for some fishermen to prick them vp vpon their Eel-speares. By 8. in the morning newes came to the Prince of their forsaking their boates, whereupon he commanded diuers companies to march towards Steen-berghen to encounter them supposing they might make head, but before our men were vpon their march, tidings came that most of them had giuen them selues prisoners; & by 11. of the clock the first sight of them wee saw was 4. or 5. Captaynes with 2. Capuchins presented to the Prince, with whome hee enterayned neere an houres talke, who all blamed Count Iohn for his starting at a pinch: The Capucians were presently begd by the Duke of vensdome, into whose tuition and fauor they were soone returned: the next fight that was presented to vs was a fat trumpetter of Count Iohns in a carr there followed him the Captaine of the Princes ship on horsebacke behinde a Gentleman, with the colours of the Admirall of their fleet, being a Burgoignian crosse which hee presented to the Prince; after him followed in two diuisions the prisoners, garded by a troope of the Duke of Bulken, which were betweene 2. and 3000. before the last diuision was a wagon laden with their Officers; and this was obseruable, that among all these, and 900. more which lay at Steen-bergen there was no English at all, but they were all Dutch, and Wallons; these were sent to such places, as the towne of Berghen had to entertaine them in, especially an old peice of a Church receiued most. Thus the saterday was cheerefully spent in veiwing these liuely tokens of Gods fauor, on the day following command was giuen that publike thanksgiuing should bee rendred both in the towne and army in which (I blesse God) I had a share: and on Munday-night (with 3. volleyes of ar the manner heere) it was made knowne very cleerely to Antwerpe, and the enemies army (some of our cannon hauing very wide mouthes) vpon the sabbath was brought in Dulken the once Gouvernour of Grol, & a lefute with him & so dayly diuers prisoners who had come on shore on diuers parts. Nor did wee at this time thinke our labor ill bestowed to ride from place to place to looke on either their Punts & sloopes, or our men bringing in the spoyle, som telling their freinds how hardly they had escaped, and shewing their chayne & gnawne bullets, som with rapiers, som scarfes, one with Count Iohns leading stasse, another with a buffcoate, & most laden with Antwerpes beere: Amongst diuers other things there came to my hande a knife of the keurlings who are som of their company about Bridges, that ne. her giue nor take  
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quarter, vpon which was engraven in Dutch Rithme.

Make haft from Bridges Prince of Aurania:

Honnor your M<sup>e</sup> the king of Hispania:

Let our flaunders alone, come not heere to pillage:

For wee haue for you, nor citty, nor village.

vnder which was pictured the towne of Bridges, & the Prince running from it on horse-back, - Surely as the deliuerance was great, so the purchase especially of amunition was not a little, as wee shall shew by the particulars following: And now mee thinkes by this time I saw the mother of Sifera looking out of a window, & crying through the lattesse, why stay his chariot-wheeles so long? Iudg: 5. 28. etc. surely shee is much deceiued if she thinke they are deuiding the spoyle: Thus the Lord ouerthrew Pharow & his host in the red sea, for his mercy endureth for ever. The weeke following the Prince commanded most of the prisoners to bee set vpon ships without sayle or rudder, by the head at Berghen, till order should bee taken for ransom: the poore women at Antwerpe who had their husbands in the Service, with their heauy complaynts at Bergen gates made vs know how welcome those tidings were at Antwerpe: the last weeke the Drossart of Breda treated for their deliery, and so they are departing home, you may iudge with what ioy they shall bee intertained; and presently vpon the miscarriage of the enterprize their army marcheth both from Prince-land, and Rosendale, whereof 32. companies of foote are gone for Breda, and 10. of horse. Vpon Thurf-day wee had generall thanksgiuing in our churches & expressing our ioy by fires, guns etc.

The sum of the officers taken by vs.

Colonels, Lieuten: Col: Sargeant Maiors, & men of great note.	19.
Captaines.	26.
Lieutenants.	10.
Ensignes.	28.
Sargeants.	23.
Officers about the Canon.	6.
Som other officers, & Church men.	11.
Land souldiers.	3151.

Sea men.

Captaines.	12.
Lieutenants.	15.
Quarter Masters.	7.
Shippers.	1.
Sailors.	820.

Coming out of Antwerpe in all they were mustered aboue. 6000.

The number of the shipping come to our hands.

Shalloopes whose provision generally was 6. brasse Peeces, 8. Murtherers, 4. Dunder buffes, besides Lether Peeces. 36.



Punts with one halfe Canon and two three quarter Canon,	—————	10.
Pleyts whose lading was Lope-staues, Nayls, Ice-spurs,	10	Horfes, Hardles, Beef-
bridges etc.	—————	9.
Other Amunition ships whose lading was Powder, Beere, Deales	—————	7.

**T**hat which I offer by way of obſervation cannot bee much:  
Time wyll not afford it: Yet theſe things  
briefly take notice of.

- 1 That Reuenge is no Sluggard, Malice is vnwearyed: For wee vnderſtand this worke & practiſe haue bin vnder hand theſe 6 yeares.
2. Reuolters from Religion prooue her ſharpeſt enemyes: witnes (beſides Iulian) Count Iohn, who will bee the Ring-leader in any deſigne that may make nothing of what hee formerly profelt.
- 3 To expect better then Stratagemes tending to ruine from a popiſh enemy, doth argue either ignorance of their courſes, or groundles Confidence,
- 4 Security(hauing loſt the uſe of reaſon)will deny the Concluſion, rather then belecue the danger. As wee ſaw when our people could hardly belecue the enemy to be the enemy, though he lay before the Ports.
5. High men are Vanity, & Low men are a Lye: which was playne when wee ſaw neither the great Commander, nor the comon ſouldier could helpe vs, the enemy out-brauing vs the whole day.
6. The Creature cannot bee ſufficient for our ſuccor, for he is not allwayes a preſent helpe in trouble: wee could neither command wind nor tide, where as either of them might haue done vs much good.
7. The Lord often layes the reine on the neck of his enemyes, they goe long vncontroll: theſe went all day in the face of our Army vntouched.
8. Sudden Proſperity is no ſigne of laſting Happynesse: Theſe Spiders had no ſooner framed their web, but it was ſwept downe.
9. The Lord brings his greateſt workes about by Accident, the tide not ſeruyng. which wee longd for, our ſhips could not come vp with them by day, & ſo eſcaped a ſcowering. Their Admirall putting out a light when he was on ground, brought the reſt into the ſame net: they ſeeking a neerer way by the Poſſe-mer, loſt their way. with many ſuch like.
10. A poore creature is many times made the Lords great hoſt, as Pharaohs Lice agaynſt him, and a hand full of miſt throwne amongſt theſe.
11. Feare vnfits a man to know what hee ſhould doe, & diſinables him to doe what hee knowes, otherwiſe they might haue made head vpon the water or the ſhore, & gotten good quarter, for ought wee perſeiuue.
12. Cruell men haue often their puniſhments giuen them out in proportion they deviſing new boates, they ſhall periſh in their boates, they will bring hal-

tars

tars for others which may serue them selues, the gallows set up for Mordecai serues Haman.

13. The Lord answers his servants Some times in the very thing they aske, in our fast before the Prince went into the field wee made vse of that text & that petition of Dauids Psal: 83. 15. So persecute them with they tempest & make them afraide with they storme: & behold wee haue our answere.

14. Outward strength & humane policyes are no sufficient Bulwarks agaynst Batryes from heauen: it was easily seene here was no want of skill in this designe the preparations were not ordinary, but what are Tifney-walls to a Canon-shot? or their plots to Gods mist?

15. Feare is an ill guide though a quick post, many hundreds of them leauing their owne strength & betaking them selues to the mercy of an enemy.

16. God like an Indulgent Father striues to reforme by shewing a rod: Dauid had the same measure when hee Confesseth, Lord thou hast shewn me affliction. we saw what might haue bin our portion; wee felt not what the enemy intended, & wee deserued. (humane actions

17. Diuine Providence (which fooles call Foutune) will serue it selfe vpon Let vs sleepe & the enemy wake, let them attempt, & let vs study to prevent, let them be strong & many, wee weake & few, let them goe on, & wee looke on, let them deuide the spoyle to euery one a damosell, an office before they come where they are; yet Prouidence will serue it selfe vpon all this.

18. It is remarkable that the Lord doth sadly make the seruants of Idolls to know that ther Maisters or Gods are nothing. In this attempt they will set forth vpon Saint Crosses day (it being by their Almanack the eleuation of the holy Crosse) their Generall of all their Army being called by that name, and Count Iohn the Leader of the Nauall troopes being free of that Company, Such Crosses let the enemyes of God euer carry with them. hee had one he wore on his brest before, he hath now another for his back: I wish he may doe him good at his hart,

19. The Lord doth not bind himsele to any particular meanes that wee many times vse & so often trust vnto, either for our deliuerance, or the confusi on of our enemies: wee iudged of one meane, he vsed another in this great work, as was playne to be seene.

20. It is admirable to see what a man or people may receiue in poynt of Honor & doe like wise in matter of Action, if the Lord goe out with them; as this is notable, this Prince of Orange neuer yet (since hee had the command) went out, but hee returned triumphing. the Lord euer make him triumphing & victorious in his cause.

The Vses wee may make in a word are these

1. Let vs euer heereafter learne to know the creature by their owne names, & not to call a horse or a man a God, or a water or fort a Sauour: wee may take vp the words of the repenting church Hos 14. The more fatherles the more merry, or the lesse wee Idolize vpon our selves the greater succor we may looke for from heauen.

2. Since the Lord can rule & guide, dispatch & ouercome workes of this nature so well; since hee hath thus graciously appeared in 31. as formerly in 88. let both England & Holland bee willing to giue him the helme into his owne hands for euer. I wish his quarrell agaynst vs all bee not that wee haue vsed him too much like a Comon-man. wee see (though wee had never receiued his word) that his place is at the sterne, let not Religion lack quey to Policy: Kisse the sonne least hee bee angry. Psal 2.

3. Giue him (who hath done all, & deseruech all) all the glory: Ioseph may haue any thing in Potiphars house but his wife, & in Pharaohs but his throne: as tender is the Lord of his honor & glory as they of either. Shall wee euen greiue his good spirit more. Shall wee euer slight his sabbaths? can it bee?

4. See that prosperity stay not our foolish harts: the skill will bee how to improoue the mercy. Sifera is then vndone when hee his careles in Iaels tent, who was a Neutrall: & such is outward prosperity, good & bad may share in it, the wisdom is how to vse it; hee need walke warily that goes on a glassy sea with iron shooes. But the wind is fayre, the sea-men call, the Dutch printer is weary hee craues pardon for his faults, I must end before I am halfe

way the mayne. This at least may saue the writing

many letters: You may trust the Intelligence

for the Truth: & to the God of

Truth I commend You.

In whome I am your lo. kinsman,

H. P.